



Welcome to Drawing and Painting at George Washington High School with Ms. O’Ryan!

This class is about creating, exploring, and researching drawing and painting themes as well as learning new skills that will be useful in any profession that extends beyond high school. The fundamentals of this course are the elements of art: line, shape, color, value, form, texture, pattern, rhythm, and unity. Students will explore their own personal ideas using a variety of media: graphite, charcoal, marker, ink, pastel, tempura, and acrylic paint. Individual outcomes are strongly encouraged. Art History will be investigated to build student knowledge, generate inspiration, and discover cultural influences in art.

Class Mantra: If you are not prepared to be wrong, then you will never be able to come up with anything original.

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Projects

There are six major projects throughout the year. These are worth 300 points and will greatly affect the success of the student’s grade. Students will be given a rubric that clearly defines the requirements prior to the deadline and will be asked to complete a self-evaluation.

Website

www.georgewashingtonart.wikispaces.com. This website will be used often to administer tests, sketchbook drawings, and upcoming projects.

Sketchbooks: DUE EVERY FRIDAY

Just like athletes, artists must practice their technique. Instead of on the court, this happens in the sketchbook. All students in Ms. O’Ryan’s classes (except Yearbook) are required to complete one weekly drawing in their 8 1/2" x 11" sketchbook. *Students need to purchase a sketchbook for this class (this is a non-lined, blank sheet sketchbook and can be found at most major stores such as Walmart, Hobby Lobby, and Target).* Six sketchbook drawings are due in a six week grading period. Grading for sketchbooks takes place on Friday ONLY.

Below are a list of chosen sketchbook examples.

Students have four choices for sketchbooks:

1. Duplicate sketchbook example provided by teacher. These are found on the website: www.georgewashingtonart.wikispaces.com.
2. Sketchbook can have a chosen theme. This theme should be consistent in each drawing.
3. Do whatever you want.
4. Sign and participate in the [Sketchbook Project](http://www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject/about) which is found on website: <http://www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject/about>.

ACE Grade:

Attitude, Cooperation, and Effort grade. This is taken weekly and worth 100 pts.

Student Expectations, Rules, and Consequences

1. ***Be on task and on time.*** New attendance policy is in affect this year and will be followed.
2. Practice self control in classroom.
3. Have ***respect*** for others, yourself, and property around you.
4. ***Clean up*** after yourself and perhaps someone else near you.
5. Listen more than talk.
6. ***No cell phones.*** If caught, you will be asked to put it away. If caught a second time, teacher will take it. If you refuse, the teacher will take it and it will be given to the office. If you are polite, the phone will be returned to you at the end of the class period.
7. ***5 min. outside of class eating policy.*** If you have food, you have 5 mins. outside of class (in hall) to finish. This 5 mins. ***should not*** be taken at the beginning of class. Use proper judgement on when you can exercise this policy. A busy, stressful class time is not a good idea to exercise this right.
8. While the teacher is talking, no ***iPod or mp3*** players can be used. Use ***earphones*** only when listening to music; otherwise don't play music.
9. No ***physical violence, aggression, or communication.***
10. Do not ***leaving class early*** without instructor's permission.
11. Do not prevent teacher from doing their job. Let them teach and do not be a distraction.
12. ***Vulgar and offensive language*** will not be tolerated.
13. ***Plagiarizing*** of any form is not allowed and will be reported.
14. Try at all times. Surprise yourself.

Consequences

1. A one-on-one conversation with the student and given verbal warning.
2. Phone call home and a conversation with parent or guardian.
3. Referral to Dean and/or Principal.
4. Conference with parent or guardian.
5. Suspension
6. Expulsion

Materials and Fees

1. ***Non Lined Spiral Notebook 8 1/2 x 11.***
2. ***\$20.00 fee per semester. 500 pts. This must be paid by the end of the third week of the semester. You can pay Ms. O'Ryan on the first two TUESDAYS during class or on any Tuesday during 7th period or pay the treasurer and bring the receipt to class to receive grade credit. By not paying your art fee will not only lower your grade in class but also affect your future graduation success.***